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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, in connection with the above-identified Application and in accordance with Rules 111 and 142(a) of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendment and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a four (4) month extension of time to and including January 27, 2003.

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